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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Susumu HONMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2172

Application No.: 09/836,386

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For: DATA INPUT FORM RETRIEVING SYSTEM, DATA INPUT FORM RETRIEVING METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In reply to the October 9, 2003 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-12 are pending.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-12 under 35 USC §103(a) over U.S. Patent 5,815,704 to Shimotsuji et al. (hereinafter, "Shimotsuji") in view of U.S. Patent 5,438,682 to Kumagai. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Initially, Applicants respectfully note that this Office Action does not accord to Applicants the procedural and substantive due process which they are to be accorded under the Administrative Procedures Act. See in this regard, In re Zurko, 119 S.Ct. 1816, 50 USPQ2d 1930 (1999), and In re Gartside, 53 USPQ2d 1769 (Fed. Cir. 2000).

This Office Action continues to apply the Shimotsuji reference in rejecting claims 1-12. This Office Action repeats verbatim, a portion of the rejection which is found in the previous Office Action, to wit:

